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Thanks to Cecil Rhodes and Joseph Chamberlain, the Christmas season does not promise to be a cheerful one for England. American homes too will be plunged into gloom, but fortunately it is mainly the New York social world whose holiday plans will have to be abandoned on account of the recent Wall street panic.

Hope for England and encouragement for the British press, which has shown its alarm over the recent reverses in South Africa, may be found in the statement of a New York paper that there never was a war in which England did not begin badly. Memories of the battle of Lexington and the surrender at Yorktown, however, may interfere with what might otherwise be the soothing effect of this suggestion.

The late Dwight L. Moody was a good man, living a life which attracted men and women to the creed he advocated. His faith was simple as it was masterful, and his energy in firing others with the same intensity of conviction was unceasing. In a day when men who profess to believe that there is vitality in religion insist on publicly testing and analyzing their faith in order to attract attention to themselves, Mr. Moody's life stands out clearly as an example of honest and orthodox Christianity.

The Ohio Republican ticket to be elected next year will be one of the smallest in its history. It will consist only of a secretary of state, judge of the supreme court, dairy and food commissioner, and a member of the board of public works. As there are a president and vice president to be voted for in Ohio, together with twenty-three presidential electors, twenty-one congressmen, certain county officers and some circuit and common pleas judges in a few districts, the election will not be by any means devoid of interest, however.

The negotiations of the United States with the European powers having territorial interests in China are likely to continue over into the new year, but a favorable outcome is apparently expected. Statements made by responsible officials indicate a belief on the part of this government that the assurances requested by the United States of Great Britain, Germany and Russia will be given some time in the near future. Even France, which has not shown a disposition to grant any favors to the United States, has now given evidence that she is willing to continue the American trade concession in that part of China under her direct control.

It has become evident that unless some arrangement is made between the two belligerents in South Africa to abstain from employing or countenancing the employment of any of the native races in their warlike operations, there must take place just what General Joubert warned the British authorities against at the outbreak of the war. The whole of the Afrikaner population in the British territory will rise in self defense and the horrors of savage warfare will be added to those of that already waged. A dispatch to the British war office reports attacks by the Boers on two of the chiefs on the Transvaal frontier. This is in retaliation for the employment of native forces against the Boers by Colonel Plummer some time ago.

In his notes on politics this week E. K. Rice notices the elections in Puerto Rico which are progressing favorably, but will continue some weeks, there being still forty-five towns to vote. The Republicans carried Ponce by about 1,500 majority. The Republicans claim that San Juan will give them a tremendous majority, and that the elections throughout the island will result in an overwhelming defeat of the Federals. Thus it seems that even the newly acquired possessions of the United States have ranged themselves with the Republican party, and not the Federal, or Democratic, as it is called here in the states. Our new Americans in Puerto Rico are with the Republicans in the states and in favor of sustaining President McKinley's administration, and will not join the reactionary party of Bryan, Leutz, Anged Champ Clark & Co. The elections in Cuba will show the same result, and next year it will be the same in the Philippines.

Boston will take satisfaction in knowing that her fears over the possibility of a descent upon her coast by a Spanish squadron in the spring of 1898 were not unfounded. Official communications of the Spanish government which have just been made public, show that the plan of the Spaniards was to send a squadron of Admiral Camara's squadron to

attack American coast cities. Camara was on the point of departure from Spain to carry out the plans prepared by the Spanish ministry of marine, when the news came from Manila which caused a revocation of his orders and the issuance of new instructions for him to proceed to the Philippines. It will be remembered that the formation of the United States Eastern squadron under Rear Admiral Watson, with instructions to proceed to the Spanish peninsula, caused the Spanish government to order Camara's squadron to return to Spain.

The Hon. J. B. Snyder, of Stark county, is one of the candidates for speaker of the next house of representatives, and there is every indication that he will be elected. Mr. Snyder was one of the younger members of the last legislature and voted for Mr. Hanna for United States senator. He is an out and out administration man and has the good will of Ohio Republicans. Concerning the rumor that Mr. Snyder is being backed by the saloon element, one of his colleagues has made the following statement:

"Mr. Snyder is not a saloon man or an anti saloon man. He stands for the middle of the road policy, which believes that the question of sumptuary legislation should not be taken up by the coming legislature. The wisdom of such a policy is very apparent, for what is the use of opening old sores just on the eve of a national campaign? What we should do now is to unite the party, and not divide it by bringing in issues from which no good can result."

## THE MISTLETOE BOUGH.

Mistletoe, associated in our minds with both comedy and tragedy, owes its elevation to the glory of a prominent Christmas decoration to the relics of Druidical superstition, and again, even farther back, to traditions of Norse mythology, in which it played an important part. Long before kissing was invented or ballads were made and sung, the mistletoe was a sort of fetish and is as capricious as most heathen deities, inasmuch as it has a marked preference in the choice of a tree to grow upon, the oak, the larch and the pear being the least favored, while it loves the popular, hawthorn, lime, maple, mountain ash, and first and foremost of all, the apple tree. It roots firmly, grows slowly, gradually stifles the tree it embraces and then dies itself. In ancient lore it had rare medicinal virtues, but these have found oblivion with the lapse of time.

Norse fables tell us that Baldur, the bright and beautiful—the god of light—was regarded with jealousy by some of the other deities and Friga, to protect him, made everything in heaven and earth swear to do him no harm. But disregarding the mistletoe as being so slight and weak, she omitted her precaution in its case. Loki, the malevolent fire god, seizing this chance, bewitched a twig of mistletoe till it became the size of a spear and, slyly giving it to blind Hodur, told him to throw it among the gods when they were at play. It struck Baldur and killed him, but Friga miraculously restored him to life, and thereafter guarded the mistletoe, which the gods at her pleading decided should be unable to do any mischief again unless it touched the earth. For this reason it is always hung on high and the vigilant goddess propitiated by a sign of amity and good will.

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Almost everybody who reads the newspapers is sure to know of the wonderful cures made by Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy. It is the great medical triumph of the nineteenth century; discovered after years of scientific research by Dr. Kilmer, the eminent kidney and bladder specialist, and is wonderfully successful in promptly curing troubles and Bright's Disease, which is the worst form of kidney trouble.

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"One Minute Cough Cure is the best remedy I ever used for coughs and colds. It is unequalled for whooping cough. Children all like it," writes N. H. Williams, Greenville, Ind. Never fails. It is the only harmless remedy that gives immediate results. Cures coughs, colds, hoarseness, croup, pneumonia, bronchitis and all throat and lung troubles. Its early use prevents consumption. Chas. W. Cupples and Rider & Snyder.

## Any Old Sore

Cut, bruise, or sprain quickly healed. Bannor Salve the greatest healing remedy in the world. 25 cents, Rider & Snyder.

"I had a running, itching sore on my leg. Suffered tortures. Doan's Ointment took away the burning and itching instantly, and quickly effected permanent cure." C. W. Lenhart, Bowling Green, O.

## MOODY'S HAPPY DEATH.

Exclaimed That Heaven Was Opening For Him.

SAID GOD WAS CALLING HIM.

Made Sons and Son-in-Law Promise to Keep Up His Schools, to Which They Agreed—Denise Attributed to Weakness of Heart.

EAST NORTHFIELD, Mass., Dec. 23.—Dwight L. Moody, the evangelist whose fame was worldwide, died at his home here. His family were gathered at his bedside and the dying man's last moments were spent in comforting them. It was not expected until Thursday by the members of Mr. Moody's family and immediate circle of friends that death would be the result of his illness. The cause of death was a general breaking down, due to overwork. Mr. Moody's heart had been weak for a long time, and exertions put forth in connection with meetings in the west last month brought on a relapse from which he failed to rally.

The evangelist broke down in Kansas City, where he was holding services about a month ago, and the seriousness of his condition was so apparent to the



DWIGHT L. MOODY.

physicians who were called to attend him that they forced him to abandon his tour and return to his home with all possible speed. After he reached Northfield eminent physicians were consulted and everything was done to prolong life. A bulletin issued last week communicated the tidings to the public that Mr. Moody was very ill, but that a little improvement was noticed. This week the patient showed a steady gain until Thursday, when he showed symptoms of nervousness, accompanied by weakness, which caused the family much anxiety.

Mr. Moody first knew about 8 o'clock Thursday evening that he could not recover. He was satisfied that this was so, and when the knowledge came to him his words were:

"The world is receding and heaven opening."

During the night Mr. Moody had a number of sinking spells. He was, however, kindhearted to those about him. About 2 o'clock Friday morning Dr. N. P. Wood, the family physician, who spent the night at the house, was called at the request of Mr. Moody. The patient was perspiring and he requested his son-in-law, A. P. Fitt, who spent the first of the night with him, to call the physician that he might note the symptoms. Dr. Wood administered a hypodermic injection of strychnia. This caused the heart to perform its duties more regularly, and Mr. Moody himself requested his son-in-law, Mr. Fitt, and Dr. Wood to retire. Mr. Moody's eldest son, Will R. Moody, who had been sleeping the first of the night, spent the last half with his father. About 7:30 Friday morning Dr. Wood was called, and when he reached Mr. Moody's room found his patient in a semi-conscious condition. When Mr. Moody recovered consciousness he said, with all his old vivacity: "What's the matter; what's going on here?"

Some member of the family replied: "Father, you have not been quite so well and so we came to see you."

A little later he said to his boys:

"I have always been an ambitious man, not ambitious to lay up wealth, but to leave you work to do, and you're going to continue the work of the schools in East Northfield and Mount Herman and of the Chicago Bible institute."

In substance Mr. Moody urged his two boys and his son-in-law, Mr. Fitt, to see that the schools in East Northfield, at Mount Herman and the Chicago Bible institute should receive their best care. This they assured Mr. Moody that they would do.

During the forenoon Mrs. A. P. Fitt, his daughter, said to Mr. Moody: "Father, we cannot spare you."

Mr. Moody's reply was: "I am not going to throw my life away. If God has more work for me to do, I'll not die."

As the noonday hour drew near the watchers at the bedside noted the approach of death. Several times his lips moved as if in a prayer, but the articulation was so faint that the words could not be heard.

Just as death came Mr. Moody awoke as if from slumber and said, with much joyousness: "I see earth receding; heaven is opening. God is calling me, and a moment later he expired."

The arrangements for the funeral had not as yet been fully completed, but the services will be held next Monday afternoon about 3 o'clock in the Congregational church. The burial will be in the "Roundtop." This is a spot on the seminary grounds near Mr. Moody's home lot, which has become famous in connection with the summer meetings and on which hundreds of student gatherings have been held, many of them conducted by Mr. Moody himself. On this account it seemed to the family fitting that the burial should be at that spot.

The Northfield, the summer hotel connected with the Moody schools, will be opened for the accommodation of friends coming to attend the funeral services. The hour of holding the latter being governed by the time of the arrival and departure of trains.

B. F. C. Consteloe, N. A., Dead.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Mr. Benjamin Francis Conn Consteloe, N. A., the chairman of the local government committee of the London county council, is dead. He was born April 15, 1855.

## HURT BY BIG BUSINESS.

Worst Day in Wall Street Due Partly to Best Year in Trade, Said Dun's.

The Failures.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade issued today said in part:

The worst day in Wall street for years was in part the legitimate result of the best year in business ever known. Because the country had prospered so greatly and had so expanded its business it could no longer afford to have many millions locked up in carrying stocks representing imaginary values. The question was not one of monetary supply. When the country found ample room for its capital in regular trade and productive industry a contraction of loans became necessary, which would only have become more painful if the volume of the stocks carried had been larger. Reckoning from the highest general average last spring, industrial stocks had fallen at the close on Monday 23 1/2 per cent, street railroad stocks 38 3/8 per cent and other railroad and telegraph stocks only 6 7/8 per cent.

The business of the country close to the holidays is necessarily smaller than it has been and yet larger than at the same date in any other year. Exchanges through principal clearing houses for the week have been 33 1/2 per cent larger than last year and 54 1/2 per cent larger than in 1892, including 32 1/2 per cent gain in payments outside New York. There is not even a suspicion of unsoundness in any considerable branch of industry or trade, the extraordinary expansion in some being as well warranted as the material gain in others.

Wool sales have dropped sharply with monetary pressure, but prices do not change, and the opening of heavy weight goods retards the purchases for the week.

High prices for iron are wonderfully sustained, and though many works will close for stock taking during the holidays, while the furnaces do not stop, pig shows no weakness. Prices on finished products change little, though more concerns have reached the point of competing for new orders, and there is some weakness in sheets because many tin plate mills are to be closed soon at the east, and in plates not of the largest size competition is sharp, but in bars the demand somewhat improved and in structural works have continued their combination for another year without change in prices.

Wheat has fallen both in foreign demand and in prices. The price rose quickly on Monday when order taking was falling, but subsequently reacted and closed 1/2 cent lower. Corn exports are still well maintained.

Estimates for the week have been 2 1/2 in the United States, against 2 1/2 last year, and 2 1/2 in Canada, against 1 1/2 last year.

BOERS MAY ATTACK METHUEN.

Considered Possible in London—He Could Help if Kimberley Was Attacked.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—A dispatch from Cape Town, dated Sunday, Dec. 17, said that General Methuen's primary object in crossing the Modder river appears to have been to establish searchlight communication with Kimberley, which is believed to be still on full rations. The water in the mines is plentiful.

On the other hand, in spite of their usual tactics, it was considered possible that the Boers had been compelled to assume the offensive, the commander having arranged for the disposition of the forces and anticipating difficulty in maintaining food supplies in the present position.

In spite of the delay of General Methuen in advancing, he is regarded as largely the master of the situation, and his entrenched position is believed to be unassailable. In the event of the Boers attacking Kimberley, General Methuen would be enabled to make a counter move with his artillery and cavalry. Consequently such a move on the part of the Boers, it was said, was not contemplated.

Assaulted by a Negro Mob.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Dec. 23.—A mob of negroes, 1,000 strong, attempted to take a prisoner away from two policemen in the negro quarters of the city. The officers fired on the negroes, wounding two. The blacks assaulted the policemen with sticks and stones and the entire police force was called out, preventing further trouble. The trouble grew out of the killing of a notorious negro burglar by three white men.

Shaw Saw Stewart.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—Colonel Albert D. Shaw, commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., stopped in this city on his way from Washington to New York. While here Colonel Shaw conferred with Adjutant General Stewart relative to the pension legislation recommended by the last national encampment, held here.

Two Killed, One Fatally Hurt.

WEST CHESTER, Pa., Dec. 23.—An accident occurred on the Baltimore Central division of the Pennsylvania railroad at Chester Heights, Pa., which caused the death of Engineer Dave McDonald, aged 45, and Fireman Grant Noll, aged 32, both of Perryville, Md., and probably fatally injured William Davon, brakeman.

Shirley Died Suddenly.

HUNTINGDON, Pa., Dec. 23.—John T. Shirley of this place, prominently identified with the Tussey Mountain Mining company, and widely associated with the commercial activity of Central Pennsylvania, died suddenly of apoplexy while attending a meeting of the company's stockholders.

Johnson Was Imprisoned.

CLEARFIELD, Pa., Dec. 23.—M. F. Johnson, the jury commissioner charged with jury padding, who disappeared before the issuance of a warrant for his arrest and who was arrested at Marion, Ind., was lodged in the county jail here. Chief of Police Burt White, who captured Johnson at Marion, will get the \$500 reward.

Killed by a Negro.

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky., Dec. 23.—Beulah Johnson, aged 16, remonstrated with him for kicking a cow, Browder Campbell, colored, hurled a stone at the boy, fracturing his skull and driving the bones into his brain. Johnson is dying. He is the son of a prominent citizen.

Respite Granted to Meyers.

HARRISBURG, Dec. 23.—Governor Stone granted a respite to Samuel Peter Meyers of Somerset from Jan. 11 to Jan. 24.

## WEATHER FORECAST.

Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia—Fair today; tomorrow rain; variable winds.

Ohio—Fair today, except rain in southeast portion; tomorrow rain; fresh southerly winds, becoming variable.

## MINERS ENTOMBED.

Sixty Men Were Employed in the Mine.

BROWNSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 23.—[By Associated Press]—Sixty miners are reported entombed by an explosion in the Braznell coal mines, four miles from here. The tangle is wrecked.

Only one man has come out of the Braznell mine. Talking was heard at the bottom of the shaft and the mine boss went down, but has not returned. The talking ceased, and it is supposed all were killed by the after damp.

Later—Officers of the Braznell company have a report from the mine that six bodies have been recovered. Forty men are still in the mine.

## MORE CONTESTS.

Kentucky Republicans and Democrats Have More Trouble.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 23.—[By Associated Press]—The state election commission met today, and it is expected will fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Pryor by electing John A. Fulton. Bills will then resign and Fulton and Poyntz will elect a successor. Republicans claim that Governor Taylor is the proper appointing power to fill these vacancies, and will probably contest the matter in court.

ROBERTS STARTS FOR AFRICA.

Unusual Demonstration at the Railway Station.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—[By Associated Press]—Field Marshal Lord Roberts was given a most extraordinary send off as he appeared at the Waterloo station to start for South Africa, and cheer after cheer greeted every appearance of the military chief. Among those who appeared to bid him godspeed were the Prince of Wales, Dukes of Cambridge and Connaught, Lord Wolseley and Mr. Balfour.

## IN WALL STREET.

News From London Caused an Advance in Prices.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—[By Associated Press]—Great relief was manifest on the stock exchange in the opening transaction, over the unexpectedly favorable showing made by the London stock exchange. Those who sold yesterday on the prospect of trouble in London today rushed frantically to cover, and caused violent advances in stocks which depreciated yesterday. Sugar rose five points.

## DIED FROM EXHAUSTION.

Aguinaldo's Wife Succumbed to Hardships of the March.

MANILA, Dec. 23.—[By Associated Press]—Colonel Wilder, at Bascombourg, telegraphed to Vigan that Aguinaldo had crossed the mountains near there, going in a southerly direction. The entire party is entirely worn out, and Aguinaldo's wife died in a village near Bascombourg, her death being caused by the hardships of the long march.

Prof. VanBurklow's Close Call.

DOVER, Del., Dec. 23.—Prof. Van Burklow of Dickinson college, Carlisle, Pa., had a narrow escape from instant death at the P. & B. R. station here. He attempted to board a train moving off, catching hold of the railing on the last car. He missed the step and was thrown under the rear of the car, being dragged several feet. He was picked up somewhat stunned. His face was cut and bleeding. The train was halted, when he again boarded it.

Sellers of Dead Bodies Sentenced.

MEMPHIS, Dec. 23.—E. D. and Frank Thompson, who are charged with selling the bodies of pauper dead, and who were recently convicted of conspiracy by a jury and fined \$750 each, were sentenced by Judge Cooper to the workhouse for a term of 11 months and 29 days which is the limit of the law.

## OBITUARY NOTICE.

FRANCIS HARMON.

Francis Harmon, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. James Harmon, of Newman, died Thursday evening.

## HOLDS ITS GROUND

This is Testimony From Everywhere as Well as Massillon.

Can this be so? Is it true? Are the facts garbled? Is the truth distorted? These are questions which every man and woman in Massillon suffering the torture of backache asks as they read the published accounts in the newspapers about medicines which claim to cure it. Whatever the conclusions arrived at touching the truth of these cures, is, he can't hedge or flinch from or disprove the following, for it took place in Massillon, and the experiences are those of a representative citizen. Mrs. Wm. Curtis, of No 49 Plum street says: "I was troubled with my kidneys, my back aching a great part of the time and growing a little worse as the months flew by. My back and kidneys grew so sore that I could not lean against the seat while in church. I could not wear a corset. Even the weight of my clothes hurt and dragged the life out of me and at night I had to lie on three pillows and in the morning my back was so sore and lame I could hardly get out of bed. I took medicines to get relief from the terrible suffering, but had never been able to get a permanent cure until one evening my husband was reading a newspaper and he remarked, 'He is a chance for you to get cured; from the way this reads I am inclined to think it will help you.' I wish you would go down to Baltzy's drug store and get Doan's Kidney Pills. I got a box and they relieved me at once and continued to help me. After using the remedy my back was stronger than it has been in years and the old symptoms I had so long disappeared. If this statement will encourage others to use Doan's Kidney Pills, you are welcome to use it. I am sure they will never regret having given them a fair trial."

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## Given Up by Four Doctors.

Beaver Dam, O. My daughter, after being treated by four doctors and being given up for lost, a neighbor recommended Foley's Kidney Cure. Today she is able to walk several miles without fatigue. I feel we would have lost her if it was not for my medicine. Respectfully, Mrs. J. M. Bailey, Rider & Snyder.

J. B. Clark, Peoria, Ill., says, "Surgeons wanted to operate on me for piles, but I cured them with De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve." It is infallible for piles and skin diseases. Beware of counterfeits. Chas. W. Cupples and Rider & Snyder.

## How to Prevent a Cold.

After exposure or when you feel a cold coming on take a dose of Foley's Honey and Tar. It never fails and will prevent pneumonia or consumption if taken in time. Rider & Snyder.

"I was nearly dead with dyspepsia, tried doctors, visited mineral springs, and grew worse. I used Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. That cured me." It digests what you eat. Cures indigestion, sour stomach, heart burn and all forms of dyspepsia. Chas. W. Cupples and Rider & Snyder.

## Don't Risk Your Life.

Many of your friends or people whom you know of have contracted consumption, pneumonia or other fatal diseases by neglect of a simple cold or cough. Foley's Honey and Tar, a safe, sure and pleasant cough medicine, would have saved them. It is guaranteed. Rider & Snyder.

Half the ills that man is heir to come from indigestion. Burdock Blood Purifiers strengthens and tones the stomach; makes indigestion impossible.

Mr. J. Sheer, Sedalia, Mo., saved his child's life by One Minute Cough Cure. Doctors had given her up to die with croup. It's an infallible cure for coughs, colds, gripe, pneumonia, bronchitis and throat and lung troubles. Relieves at once. Chas. W. Cupples and Rider & Snyder.

It's the little colds that grow into big colds; the big colds that end in consumption and death. Watch the little colds. Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup.

Men's satin calf shoes \$1.00 at H. H. Pille's, opera block.

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20 East Charles Street,

Has just received direct from manufacturer a complete line of Gas Fixtures. If you are needing anything of the kind do not miss seeing our line. We can show you twenty different styles of Chandeliers; also a full line of Side Brackets. Our Gallery Light, at 45c, is sure to please you, as we can give you the full frost, half frost, or clear globe, either in pear or apple shape. By the way, an Odorless Gas Stove would be nice for Christmas. We have them. Respectfully,

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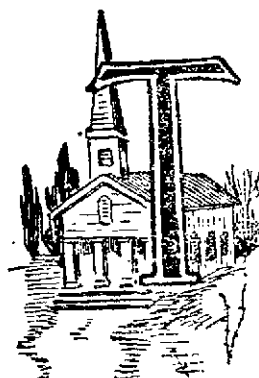


# FORTY LONG YEARS AGO.

A BOY'S FIRST CHRISTMAS IN THE HILLS  
OF THE KEYSTONE STATE.

BY OSBORN SPENCER.

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HEY were telling one another about first Christmases, and the portly, prosperous banker looked up with a preoccupied air when some one asked him for his story.

"The first Christmas that I remember clearly," he said slowly, as if gathering his memories together, after lighting a big fat cigar, "was passed at the home of old Deacon Mallory. I was 6 or 7 years old, and by the same token it must have been 40 years or more ago.

"You must know that I was a country minister's son. My father's charge included a wooden meeting house, built on the Greek temple pattern, and half a dozen little red schoolhouses perched on the steep hillsides and nestling in the deep valleys of one of the most northeasterly counties of Pennsylvania. All through that region the pater was known as 'the elder,' and the deacons of the church organizations to which he ministered took turns entertaining the elder and his family on Christmas. As a rule, our Christmas visits included Christmas eve and two or three days thereafter, and so it was this time.

"Deacon Mallory lived ten good miles away from the story and a half brown house that stood in the edge of a tremendous big piece of pine and hemlock timber where we lived, and, there being two feet of snow on the ground, we had to cover the ten miles in a cutter hauled by Crookfoot, as my father called the ungainly looking young horse he drove in making his widely scattered pastoral calls. The day before Christmas was clear and sunshiny, but bitter cold, that year, and I shall never forget the ride to the deacon's.

"At first our road was on the lee side of a great tree crowned ridge. Sheltered, as we then were, from the biting wind, we scarcely realized how low the temperature was, and the path being well packed, Crookfoot took us over the snow at a lively clip, the bells jingling merrily with every step. Here and there the road passed through deep cuts in the drifts between pure white frigid walls of snow, sometimes eight and ten feet high. These walls had been inscribed with many curious inscriptions and rude pictures, which interested me very much as we drove along, though I had never heard a word of the newly named science of graffitiology.

"I was intently studying some of the pictures and inscriptions when my father told me to look ahead and then get ready for what I saw coming. As he spoke he pointed to the brow of the hill up which we were driving. There I saw the snow drifting in a fine, white, snaillike state.

"The wind is blowing up there, sonny, and it won't be as pleasant when we get to the top as it is by any means. Wrap your comforter close about your ears, my boy, or they'll be frozen sure."

"By the time I was ready for the drifting snow we were in the midst of it, and for the next three-quarters of an hour we all, including Crookfoot, had plenty to do to keep the breath of life going. The snow was drifting wildly, and of the track, so well beaten in the sheltered part of the road, not a vestige was to be seen. By the time we had got over the broad back of the hill and down into the valley in which the deacon's house was situated the human beings in the party were more than half frozen, while Crookfoot was nearly exhausted. Once in the shelter again, however, we quickly

producing a bright, fresh, new plank with every journey of the carriage.

"That night I slept with two of the deacon's boys and in a trundle bed for the first and last time of my life. We boys talked about what we should find in our stockings till late in the night.

"Examination of the stockings in the morning, riding down hill and out on the ice of the deacon's frozen mill pond, snowballing and other incidents made Christmas morning pass fast enough, I assure you. And after that came the Christmas dinner!

"All the deacon's mill hands and some of his neighbors partook of that dinner. There were two big tables and one little one. We boys and some little girls sat at the little one, and there were more folks at all three than I had ever before seen together anywhere except at meeting.

"The main dish of that dinner was chicken. There were enough wishbones for all the children to wish two or three times over, and the fun everybody had was immeasurably satisfying, even if the manners of every one present were homely and the talk more hearty and wholesome than graceful and clever.

"When it came my turn to wish, Darwin Mallory, the deacon's 21-year-old son, told me what to wish--'That Sarah may say yes,' he whispered in my ear. Sarah Wilson was the prettiest young woman in the room, and I liked her a lot. Later I told her what Darwin had whispered in my ear, and I couldn't understand why she flushed so vividly. But she seemed pleased because I gave her the long end of my wishbone, for I had 'got my wish,' and one day in the following June I was present when my father pronounced Darwin and Sarah man and wife. Then I was told what my wish had meant.

"Bless me!" said the banker. "I've let my cigar go out."

OSBORN SPENCER.



The average mortal on looking over a collection of Xmas menus has a fellow feeling with the hungry traveler who went in to a restaurant and told the waiter to bring him "everything on the bill of fare." But the reader must remember that the following feasts have been planned for the day which comes but once a year and that there is a limit to human capacity for assimilation. Surely the best things in all of the lists, if there be any degrees in goodness, should satisfy the most exacting gourmand.

## MENU FOR CHRISTMAS DAY--I.

What neat repast shall feast us, light and choice,  
Of Attic taste, with wine, whence we may rise  
To hear the lute well touched or artful voice  
Warble immortal notes and Tuscan air?  
—John Milton.

**DINNER.**  
Porridge.  
Cream of Spinach.  
**HORS D'OEUVRES.**  
Sardines. Tunny Herrings. Gherkins. Pickled Walnuts.  
**ENTREE.**  
Mutton Cutlets, Breaded, with Cheese.  
Potato Croquettes.  
Roast Goose, Apple Sauce.  
Lettuces a la Creme. Sweet Potatoes, Fried.  
Lemon Punch.  
**GARLIC.**  
Wild Duck a la Portugaise.  
Green Peas a la Francaise. Salad.  
**SWISS.**  
Branded Fruit. Ice Cream.  
Rougette Cheese. Coffee. Biscuits.

**DUCK A LA PORTUGAISE.**—Take a wild duck, chop the heart, liver and gizzard very fine with three shallots, pepper and salt liberally; add a lump of fresh butter, knead the whole well with a fork and stuff it into the carcass; cut the duck's neck, reserving a piece of skin to sew up the aperture; pack in the poppe's nose and sew up likewise; then roll the duck in a cloth and tie it round and round with a string; then plunge it into boiling salt water and cook 35 minutes; remove the cloth and serve on a hot dish with a garnish of lemon.—Ancient Recipe.

## MENU FOR CHRISTMAS DAY--II.

I celebrate the birth of the Divine  
And the return of the Saturnian reign;  
My songs are carols sung at every shrine,  
Proclaiming "Peace on earth, good will to men."  
—Longfellow.

**DINNER.**  
Consomme Printannier.  
Caviar. Radishes.  
Fried Smelts aux Fine Herbs.  
Sauce of Potatoes.  
French Peas with Fresh Butter.  
Rum Punch.  
Roast Canvasback Ducks, Currant Jelly.  
Lettuce Salad with Egg.  
Cream Cheese.  
**SWEETS.**  
Plum Pudding in Burning Brandy.  
BERRY.  
Fruits. Dessert. Coffee.

**FRENCH SWEET DESSERT.**—A French sweet dessert for Christmas is the iced fruit pudding. Seed quarter of a pound of Malaga raisins and lay them in a stone jar with a cup of good sherry, add four ounces of candied cherries cut in half, two ounces of candied apricots cut in coarse bits and one ounce of candied citron chopped fine. Let this candied fruit stand in the sherry for 12 hours. At the end of this time make one pint of ice cream, using one pint of rich milk mixed with the yolks of four eggs and one large cup of sugar. Heat this custard over the fire for five minutes, stirring it constantly, then add one pint of cream and freeze.

## TO HORSEMEN

A Description of How a Foundered Horse Should Be Treated.

In answer to a correspondent the Chicago Horseman gives the following description of how a foundered horse should be treated:

There ought not to be any great amount of trouble in getting a foundered horse on his feet again if prompt measures are taken to relieve him. The first thing to be done when you find a horse has been foundered is to pull his fore shoes off and release the blood in his front feet. Have the blacksmith bleed him at the point of the frog in each foot in front. Then give him a heavy ball of aloes, say seven or eight grains, with ginger one dram. If this cannot be given as a ball have the ingredients dissolved in water and given as a drench, seeing to it that the horse gets all the medicine.

After the horse has had his shoes pulled off and been allowed to bleed freely, assign pledgets of oakum so that foreign matter cannot get into the feet, and place the horse with his fore feet in a clay bed. Let him stand in it a couple of days, feeding him very lightly and only the most cooling of foods meanwhile. When you take him out of the clay, nail on his shoes again and continue the cooling food, avoiding stimulating rations altogether.

If grass is available give the horse plenty of that, and such grain as you give him should be crushed oats. Feed plenty of bran and in winter boiled roots in place of grass. The attack of founder is very easily precipitated and it is not so hard to combat in the very beginning. It is the condition that ensues, if nothing is done to relieve the condition of the forward feet, that is hard to change.

The application of stimulating liniment to the coronets after the horse is going right again is often beneficial. Sweet oil and ammonia, equal parts, make an excellent liniment for this purpose. This induces a more rapid growth of the horn. If you follow these directions you should never have much trouble.

## The Lodging of Grain.

The lodging of grain is a source of considerable loss, not only in the failure of reaping machines to make a clean harvest, but because lodged grain is not fully matured and forms on hardening a wrinkled and underweight grain. Lodging, however, implies a greater loss than the mere loss in harvesting or in underweight grain; it shows unmistakably that the crop has not been properly handled, that the soil is not favorable to grain. The falling off in yield began long before the straw became so weak that it could not support the grain heads. The popular idea is that silica has much to do with the stiffness of straw. This has been shown to be a mistake by the famous experiments at Rothamsted, England. Straw badly lodged was found to contain more silica than a sturdy, stocky straw which held its seed-head erect under severe tests. It was found by experiments that potash gave strength to stalk and straw, and soils low in available potash invariably suffered from lodging. The cure or rather the preventive measure is very simple, for there is no cure. The point is that the manure or fertilizer applied should be well balanced. The chemical analysis shows that a full grain crop contains about the same amount of phosphoric acid and potash, hence the percentage of the two ingredients in the fertilizer should be about the same. A fair average fertilizer for grain would then be six to eight per cent. phosphoric acid and the same amount of potash together with about two to three per cent. nitrogen. If any one ingredient is deficient the excess of the other two will not make up for it. All three ingredients of plant food must be present, and, as we said before, in proper proportions. This lodging of grain is quite an important matter to wheat growers, but with a little care and study it can be prevented. Rational manuring will solve the problem.—L. J. Farmer, in Farmer's Review.

## Progressive Farming.

It was once said that any "fool can be a farmer," but it cannot be truthfully said to-day. Fools and some who think themselves wise ought to give farming as wide a berth as possible, for they cannot hope to succeed in the business. They lack the requisite knowledge. We have a great many men in our towns and cities who had something to do with farm life many years ago, who then thought it more manly to do or try to do something else, and abandoned the farm, who yet think they know all that needs to be known about farming, and are quite ready to tell farmers what they ought to do, that are so far behind in the farming of to-day that, to use a slang phrase, "they are not in it," and, if they were to undertake to run a farm, with their present knowledge of the business, they would make a miserable failure of it. More is known now of underdrainage and soil conditions necessary to success in crop production than was ever dreamed of by thousands engaged in the business of farming thirty or forty years ago. The same is true of many other lines of farming.

We get very tired, sometimes, hearing men exhortate farmers for their failure to do this and that, when we know that they are not informed themselves as to the advancement that has been made in the last few years. The farmer himself has to be on the alert to keep from dropping behind in the race for the greatest skill in the business.

## Things to Remember.

If the work harness be not all in order, don't start out until you have made it so. More than half of the runaways which take place are due to worn-out and rotten pieces of harness.

The tools of the prosperous farmer are continuous effort, rotation of crops, stock feeding, cow-peas and clover. If these are greased with some "bustle" he will get there in time. A good curry comb in a willing hand saves grain.

# BRIGHT'S DISEASE



If you read the daily papers you know something of the number of prominent men who die of Bright's disease. There are thousands more you never hear about. It is a particularly common and fatal complaint.

Thousands are afflicted with Bright's disease who are in total ignorance of the fact, so little is it understood. Indigestion or any stomach derangement, inactive liver, etc., burden the kidneys (the great "strainers" of the

blood) with a double load. Biliousness follows and the blood becomes poisoned with urea and uric acid, which should be excreted by the kidneys.

**Foley's Kidney Cure Makes the Kidneys RIGHT**  
Rheumatic pains in the nerves and joints follow and when this condition becomes settled the kidneys themselves become irritated and pains over the small of the back indicate the sure approach of Bright's disease. Physicians will tell you these are facts.

**Foley's Kidney Cure is Used by Physicians.**

Any number of causes tend to bring about these conditions, and the symptoms are many and different. Here are some symptoms which will indicate kidney or bladder trouble of some sort; (it may be gravel, diabetes, Bright's disease, uraemia, nephritis, organic weakness or other ailments.)

**SYMPTOMS:** Backache, bad digestion, dry mouth, parched or swollen tongue, bad breath, headache, nervousness, voracious appetite, weakness, tired-out feeling, paleness or whiteness of complexion, wasting of flesh, dropsical tendency, aching pain over the hips or lumbar, swollen ankles, sediment or deposit in the urine, bloody or milky white or highly colored urine, frequent desire to pass urine, scanty urine, bad odor of perspiration, puffiness under the eyes, etc. One case does not produce all of these signs of disease. Any one symptom will indicate kidney or bladder disorder of some kind.

**Foley's Kidney Cure will cure these afflictions, or will prevent them if taken in time. It is guaranteed to do this (and is, so far as we know, the only unconditionally guaranteed remedy for kidney disease.) Ask your druggist about it to-day.**

It is pleasant to take.

Rider & Snyder, Druggists

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## CURES GUARANTEED OR NO PAY—CONFIDENTIAL

**SNATCHED FROM THE GRAVE.** A warning from the Living. "At 15 I learned of a bad habit. I tried for doctors and nerve tonics by the score without benefit; emissions and rains increased. I became a nervous wreck. A friend who had been cured by Drs. Kennedy & Korgan of a similar disease, advised me to try them. I did so and in two months was positively cured. This was eight years ago. I am now married and have two healthy children."—C. W. LEWIS, Saginaw.

**VARICOCELE CURED.** "Varicocele made life miserable. I was weak and nervous, eyes sunken, bashful in society, hair thin, no ambition. The 'Golden Monitor' opened my eyes. The New Method Treatment of Drs. Kennedy and Korgan cured me in a few weeks."—L. L. PETERSON, Iowa.

**EMISSIONS CURED.** "I am a farmer. At school I learned an early habit, which weakened me physically, sexually and mentally. Family doctors said I was going into 'decline' (consumption). Finally 'The Golden Monitor,' edited by Drs. Kennedy & Korgan, fell into my hands. I learned the TRUTH and the CAUSE. Self-abuse had sapped my vitality. I took the New Method Treatment and was cured. My friends think I was cured of consumption. I have sent them many patients, all of whom were cured. Their New Method Treatment supplies vigor, vitality and manhood."

**SYPHILIS CURED.** "This terrible blood disease was in my system for eight years. Had taken mercury for two years, but the disease remained. Eyes red, pimples on the skin, ulcers in the mouth and on tongue, bone pains, falling out of hair, weakness, etc. My brother, who had been cured of Gleet and Stricture by Drs. Kennedy and Korgan, recommended them. They cured me in a few weeks, and I thank God I consulted them. No return of the disease in six years."—W. F. M. JACKSON.

**17 YEARS IN OH. O. 200,000 CURED. NO RISK. READER!** Are you a victim? Have you lost hope? Are you contemplating marriage? Has your blood been diseased? Have you any weakness? Our New Method Treatment will cure you. What has done for others it will do for you. CONSULTATION FREE. No matter who has treated you, write for an honest opinion free of charge. Charges reasonable. BOOKS FREE.—The Golden Monitor (illustrated), on Diseases of Men, includes prize, 2 cents. Seal.  
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\$1.00 kid gloves, 85c. \$1.50 kid gloves, 31.30. Crone's Fire Sale.

Men's working shoes \$1.00 at H. H. Pille's, opera block.

**Boys Wanted Immediately.**  
Boys wanted at the glass works, must be fifteen years old.

## The Massillon Market.

The following prices are paid by Massillon merchants today

**GRAIN, HAY, STRAW AND WOOL.**  
Wheat, old ..... 84  
Hay, per ton ..... 10 00 to 10 50  
Straw, per ton ..... 5 00  
Corn ..... 37-40  
Oats ..... 22-24  
Clover Seed ..... 3 75-4 00  
Timothy Seed ..... 1 00 to 1 10  
Rye, per bu. .... 3 40  
Barley ..... 27  
Flax seed ..... 15  
Wool ..... 15 25

## FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Potatoes, new, per bushel ..... 4  
Beets, per bushel ..... 70  
Apples ..... 50 to 60  
Cabbage, per dozen ..... 1 40  
Evaporated apples ..... 08 to 10  
Onions ..... 15  
**BUTTER, EGGS AND POULTRY.**  
Butter ..... 22  
Eggs ..... 22  
Chickens, live, per pound ..... 06  
Chickens, dressed ..... 09  
Turkeys, live ..... 04  
Turkeys, dressed ..... 12

## MEATS AND CHEESE

Sausage ..... 08 to 10  
Spare Ribs ..... 05 to 06  
Backbone ..... 06  
Ham ..... 09  
Shoulder ..... 05  
Lard ..... 05 1/2  
Sides ..... 06 to 07  
Cheese ..... 11  
The following are retail prices:  
Bran, per 100 lbs ..... 85  
Middlings, per 100 lbs ..... 90

## TODAY'S MARKETS

Latest Reports From the Centers of Trade.  
The following tables show the fluctuations of stock, as reported by F. B. Drake's exchange:

**BANK STATEMENT.**  
Reserve increased ..... \$ 3,353,355  
Loans decreased ..... 3,004,000  
Specie increased ..... 2,775,500  
Deposits increased ..... 285,400  
Circulation decreased ..... 84,000

## NEW YORK.

Open. High. Low. Close.  
American Sugar ..... 12 1/2 13 1/2 12 3/4  
American Tobacco ..... 57 58 56 57 1/2  
Johnson (Pfd.) ..... 57 58 56 57 1/2  
U. S. & ..... 116 1/2 117 1/2 116 1/2  
Federal Steel ..... 44 45 43 44 1/2  
U. S. Leather (Pfd.) ..... 8 1/2 8 3/4 8 1/2  
Manhattan ..... 8 1/2 8 3/4 8 1/2 8 1/2  
Missouri Pacific ..... 36 1/2 37 1/2 36 1/2  
Louisville & Nashville ..... 7 1/2 7 3/4 7 1/2 7 3/4

## CHICAGO.

Open. High. Low. Close.  
Wheat ..... 60 1/2 61 1/2 60 1/2 61 1/2  
Dec ..... 60 1/2 61 1/2 60 1/2 61 1/2  
May ..... 60 1/2 61 1/2 60 1/2 61 1/2  
Corn ..... 32 1/2 33 1/2 32 1/2 33 1/2  
Dec ..... 32 1/2 33 1/2 32 1/2 33 1/2  
May ..... 32 1/2 33 1/2 32 1/2 33 1/2  
Soybeans ..... 10 5/8 10 7/8 10 5/8 10 7/8  
Dec ..... 10 5/8 10 7/8 10 5/8 10 7/8  
May ..... 10 5/8 10 7/8 10 5/8 10 7/8  
Lard ..... 10 1/2 10 3/4 10 1/2 10 3/4  
Dec ..... 10 1/2 10 3/4 10 1/2 10 3/4  
May ..... 10 1/2 10 3/4 10 1/2 10 3/4

**CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—(By Associated Press.)**—Cattle quiet. Hogs, \$4.15 to \$6.75; hogs strong. \$3.50 to \$4.20.

**TOLEDO, Dec. 25.—(By Associated Press.)**—Wheat 60 1/2.

Mrs. R. Churchill Berlin, Va., says: "Our baby was covered with red and sore. Dr. Williams' Witch Hazel cured her." A specific for rashes and skin diseases. Beware of worthless imitations. Chas. W. Cupples and R. J. Snyder.

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Digests what you eat.

It artfully digests the food and aids Nature in strengthening and reconstructing the exhausted digestive organs. It is the latest discovered digestant and tonic. No other preparation can approach it in efficiency. It instantly relieves and permanently cures Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Heartburn, Flatulence, Sour Stomach, Nausea, Sick Headache, Gastralgia, Cramps and all other results of imperfect digestion.

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## Notice of Appointment.

The undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Cleveland Snyder, late of Stark county, Ohio, deceased. Dated the 25th day of November, 1904.  
J. C. A. B. B. B.

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It Surpasses Anything Ever Shown in the City.



## LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

## Items of Interest Gathered by Our Representatives.

C. N. Vogt, of Laucas, is visiting his parents in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rose are spending the holidays in Cleveland.

Mrs. John Griffin and son are the guests of Varnishville relatives.

George Hayes has come home from his Cleveland school to spend the holidays.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Black, of Green street, a daughter.

Miss Alice Kitch will leave Sunday for Canton to spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. William Workman and Mrs. Dora Workman are visiting relatives in Cleveland.

The Messrs. Hinder and his wife, of Canton, Ky., are visiting their parents in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Graybill, now of Yonkers, N. Y., formerly of Massillon, are visiting friends and relatives in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Buckler, of Toledo, are guests at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Barkheimer, in South Summit street.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Pletzer and family, of Chicago, will arrive in the city tomorrow to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. William Pletzer and family.

Local politicians say that Representative J. P. Snyder, who is a candidate for the leadership of the House, will receive the support of all his fellow members in the Eighteenth district.

Messrs. Townsend and Garver met with no difficulty in securing the right of way through West Brookfield for their proposed electric line Friday. The citizens of that village halted the news with joy.

George Lyall will leave on Monday night for Lincolnton, N. C., where he will be a draughtsman for the Hecker-Bainley-Bell Co. Mr. Lyall formerly occupied a position with R. A. & Co. He was also organist of St. Timothy's church.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert M. Fletcher, of Pittsburg, will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Keller. Mr. Fletcher was formerly an instructor in the Massillon Artistic Business college, but now holds a position in the offices of the P. & L. D. railway.

Miss Gertrude E. Crawford and George W. Thomas, of Akron, were married at the residence of the bride in Jarvis avenue, on Thursday evening, by the Rev. W. W. Loe, pastor of Faith Lutheran chapel. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas left for a short wedding trip.

Barry Hughes, of East Liverpool, a member of the Eighth Ohio, has been granted a pension of fifty dollars a month, a date from June 1, 1899. He is suffering from locomotor ataxia, contracted during the Cuban campaign, and is permanently disabled.

The horses which were brought to Massillon from Wyoming, by S. F. Fisher and R. C. Poltz, and which were taken to the Christmas farm afterwards, will be shipped to Canal Dover next Wednesday. There they will be sold at auction. The Massillon sale was not a great success.

The state board of school examiners will hold examinations at the Great Southern hotel, Columbus, on December 27, 28 and 29. About eighty candidates for certificates entitling them to teach in the public schools of Ohio during their natural lives are expected to appear before the board.

A sad affliction befell Miss Ella Amstutz, a sterling girl, last week. She was one of a class who were being baptized by immersion. When she stepped into the water her eyesight was perfect, but as she came out of the stream her sight was blurred and she has become totally blind.—Doylestown Journal.

Canon Fulton, after being in a fright for a month over an apparently unearthly light visible about the cemetery after dark, the other night sent its bravest sons to investigate. They found the terrible illumination to be the reflection of a street lamp on a recently erected polished granite monument.

Mr. E. J. McIndoe and Prof. A. B. Bender will give a grand concert the latter part of January, the exact date of which will be announced later. A program containing numbers of the highest class merit which have never been heard in Massillon is being prepared. The local talent in the city will assist.

A grand fox chase will be conducted on New Year's day at Orrville, under the auspices of the Orrville Hunting Club, assisted by the Cleveland Riding Club. Wild geese and jack rabbits have been secured, and the committee promises great sport for all who attend. Dr. F. B. Williamson, of this city, is a member of the committee charged with the selection of judges for the occasion. Nature has valuable prizes are offered.

The marriage of Miss Marie Steinhacker and John W. Crookston took place at the home of the bride's brother, Arnold Steinhacker, in the presence of a large number of guests, at half past 7 on Wednesday evening. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. L. H. Barry. The bride's attendant was Miss Mayne Crookston, and Lewis Boergen was the groomsmen. The bride was attired in a beautiful gown of cream tulle, with mousseline and pearl passementerie trimmings. The ceremony was followed by a wedding supper, the guests numbering seventy-five. Miss Steinhacker formerly lived in Franklin, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Crookston were the recipients of many beautiful presents. They will live in Massillon.

## CHASING AGUINALDO.

## Americans are But One Day Behind Him.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—[By Associated Press]—General Otis cables that Colonels Hare and Howe were heard from on the 17th, at which time they were but one day behind Aguinaldo, who is making an effort to reach Aparri. Four American prisoners have been rescued, but Lieutenant Gilmore is still held a prisoner. Through trains are now running on the road from Dagupan to Manila, and all parts in North Luzon will be open January 1st.

## LIBERAL GIFTS.

## The Western Reserve University's Christmas Presents.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 23.—[By Associated Press]—H. M. Hanna has given twelve thousand dollars to found a chair of medical jurisprudence in the medical college of Western Reserve University, and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Mather have given twelve thousand dollars to the university for the purchase of books for the library. Prof. F. B. Williams, late of the Harvard law school, has been chosen professor of the law school of the university.

## NEARBY TOWN NEWS.

## EAST GREENVILLE DOINGS.

EAST GREENVILLE, Dec. 22.—As Harvey Berkheimer was driving his coil through the village Wednesday the animal became somewhat frisky, and pouncing Mr. Berkheimer from the cart started on a rampage. When finally caught up with, the animal was found almost choked to death, having in some manner become entangled in its harness.

All the events in the Christmas day shoot will be with live pigeons, notwithstanding previous statements to the contrary.

Dr. Campbell, of East Greenville, will leave Friday for his old home in Canada, where he will spend the holidays.

Thomas Mellon, of Massillon, is engaged in repainting the interior of Thomas Mossop's saloon.

## A BROKEN BACK.

CRYSTAL SPRING, Dec. 22.—The Eureka mine was idle Monday, owing to a lack of empty cars. All of the other mines in this vicinity are working steadily.

A cantata and programme will be given by the Sunday school Christmas night in the Reformed church.

Miss Margaret Reed was so unfortunate the other day as to slip on the icy pavement near her home and dislocate her shoulder. Dr. Krieger reduced the fracture.

Thomas Lindsay, who was injured in the North Massillon mine several days ago, is lying in a critical condition. His back is broken, but the spinal cord is unharmed. He suffers much pain and his recovery is doubtful. Mr. Lindsay has mined coal for fifty years and had always escaped without a scratch.

Fully twenty-five young men responded to the invitations issued by Lewis Klein for a stag party given at the home of his parents, south of town. The guests enjoyably spent the evening in cards, games and other diversions. The host himself played an accompaniment on the organ which was well received, and Oscar Roshe's sweet and melodious voice thrilled the jolly crowd. Refreshments were served at 11 o'clock, and the evening's hilarity was brought to a close.

"General" Coxe's quarry at Pauls is in operation day and night, grinding out "silica" sand to fill the many orders on hand.

Amos Girod, of Massillon, has secured the contract to make new fixtures for the village postoffice.

An alto horn, played by Leo Brimyer, is the latest addition to the local band.

## KNOX GOSSIP.

KNOX, Dec. 26.—Alvin Crummel has returned to Barborton after a short visit with his parents at this place.

Elmer Cunningham is visiting with his parents at this place.

Mrs. Hoffacre, who had long been a resident of this community, having lived one mile east of town, died Wednesday morning from heart trouble.

Karl and Leo Rieder went to Orrville Wednesday.

A number of our young people attended the entertainment at the Freese schoolhouse last week.

Foster Bell, of Barborton, is spending a few days in this place.

Albert Staub and wife made a trip to Wooster Thursday.

A number of people from Knox attended the sale at Louis Brown's last Friday. He will make his home in Massillon.

## EAST GREENVILLE AFFAIRS.

EAST GREENVILLE, Dec. 26.—As C. Eckroad and his mother, Mrs. Frank Eckroad, were driving near the Beech Grove bridge Saturday evening, a man jumped from the shadows and grabbed the reins of their horse. The animal was frightened, and rearing in the air loosened the man's grasp and dashed by. The would-be highwayman did not attempt to follow.

A large number of turkeys were raffled at the places of Thomas Mossop and Jack Boyd, Saturday evening.

Mrs. Maud Bickman, of Pittsburg, is spending the holidays as the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Tombow.

J. F. Lewis, Thomas Edwards, and John Collier spent Christmas in Massillon.

David Whynter, of Saginaw, Mich., is spending the holidays with relatives in East Greenville.

Zachariah Hill, of Barborton, is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Hill.

Joseph Zupp, of Cleveland, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Webster Zupp.

Ladies' fine strappings, 75c per pair, at Pille's, Opera block.

## AT THE ASYLUM.

## Christmas Presents for Patients, Fun for All.

## STRONG PLEA FOR HAMLET

Many Talk of the Comedy, but not the P. K. Township Shakespearean—A Pharmacist Soon to be Appointed—Training School Opened—Other Hospital Notes.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

State hospital patients are looking forward to this evening with eager expectancy. Behind doors bearing the admission, "No Admission," skillful workmen have been engaged for days, and the result of their labor is magnificent holiday attire for the amusement hall, where the exercises will take place.

Two immense trees, reaching almost to the ceiling, under the magic touch of D. S. Kirk, decorator, and Frank S. Edelman, electrician, have added to their primal beauty all the gorgeousness and brilliancy that trimmings of many colors and variegated incandescents can afford. A musical family from Canton will entertain the patients with vocal and instrumental selections, at the close of which presents which have been received for inmates from friends and relatives will be distributed. The state's Christmas presents are candy, nuts and oranges.

The artists have about completed the scenery for the stage, and the theatricality inclined of the institution are talking nothing but amateur performance. In this, too, is heard the voice of Patient Albert Anderson, the Shakespearean from Pike township. "I told them," said Mr. Anderson yesterday, "to cut out all this frippery and give us something solid. Now Hamlet would be a nice play for us. I myself would take the part of the sorrowful Dane. If they don't like Shakespeare let's have something about the cold New England coast."

W. E. Hanson has resigned his position as cook, and will leave about January 4, for Deer Lodge, Mont., to accept a similar situation in an insane asylum at that place. He was located at Deer Lodge when the Massillon appointment came. Though an Ohioan by birth, Mr. Hanson says he cannot fall back into the ways of the state.

H. Haerlin, jr., landscape gardener, left Saturday morning for Cincinnati, where he will spend a week, and then continue on to New Orleans. He will return in the latter part of January.

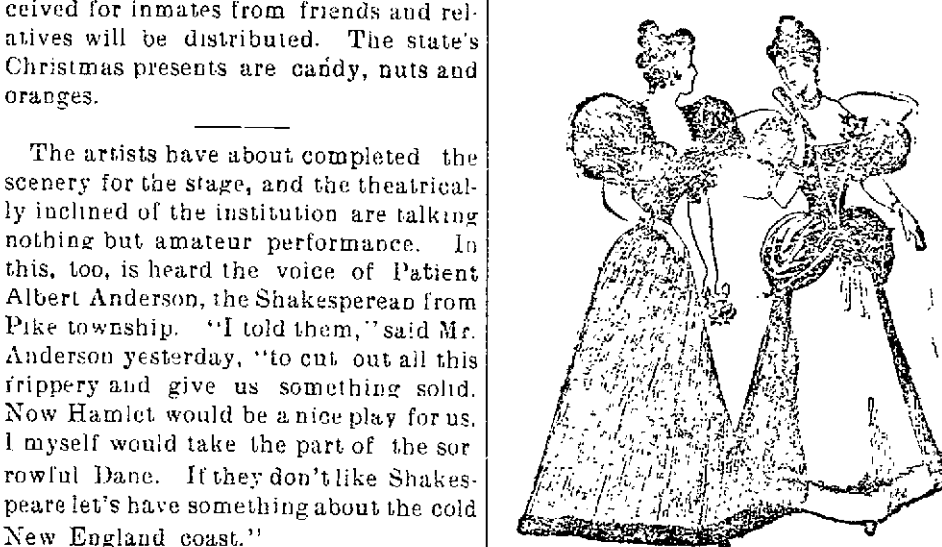
Two training classes for attendants have been organized. Dr. Findley has charge of the junior class, and Dr. Manchester the senior. Meetings are held every Friday afternoon. Wise's textbook for nurses is used.

Charles Wenger, a patient, has been sent to his home at Seventeen on trial. It is believed that he has quite recovered.

Emil Landis, a Stark county patient, was received at the institution yesterday. The day before Benjamin Elson, of Waynesburg, who lost his reason through a religious excitement, arrived.

It is likely that when the three hundred patients expected from Columbus and Cleveland arrive in Massillon a drugist will be added to the state hospital force. At present the physicians are compelled to fill their own prescriptions.

Miss Boone, stenographer to Superintendent Byman, returned last evening from Cleveland, where she spent a day or two.



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"Please, sir," he said, "I have seen better days."

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She had Adam.—Judge.

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Beer is Still Selling at the Old Price, as He Found Out.

He parted his coat-tails and backed up to the stove in the saloon and stood here for a couple of minutes. Life rather expected to be addressed by the man behind the bar, and he was not disappointed.

"I don't want some fly screens," said the saloonist, as he wiped off the bar. "No, of course, not in the winter."

"No, of course, not in the winter," replied the other. "I was in the fly screen business last summer, but it's something else now."

"And I don't want no patent rights," "I presume not. Some time ago I was in here with a patent corkscrew, but I'm no longer in that line."

"And I don't buy no life of George Washington," continued the saloonist as he turned to the man at the stove.

"No? Well, I've none to sell, I used to sell the life of George Washington, but I've given that up."

"Well, what you got now?"

"Nothing, my friend. I've dropped all of change, you know. I've dropped all the old lines and am looking for something new. Yes, times change, men change and prices change. I thought I'd see and see if there was a change here."

"No sir," was the emphatic reply. "Still live cents a glass?"

"Yes, sir."

"Ask on the nail?"

"Don't be. My friend, you may shange, but times may shange, and I may shange, but larger beer shas always cents a glass, and if you shas a ladder it shas better you go out in fore I hit you mit a club and gif you der boot!"—Detroit Free Press.

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## INDEPENDENT WANT COLUMN.

Articles lost and found, houses to let or desired, help wanted, situation wanted, real estate bulletins and kindred announcements are more certain to produce results if advertised under this head than by any other means. Copy must be left not later than 10 a. m. to insure insertion the same day. Six publications of not more than 4 printed lines for 25 cents.

## WANTED.

BOY at the Independent office.

Girl or woman to do housework at farm. Warwick Station, O. Address, Henry Haas, Warwick, O. or see H. W. Lockfiter.

Girl—For general housework. Apply at 41 East Main street.

Girl—An experienced girl for general housework. Apply at this office.

LADY AGENTS—To sell our curtain made of orsers and skirts. Send for catalogue. Williamson, Orpet & Bruce Co., 1512 Locust St., St. Louis, Mo.

RECRUITS—Able bodied men of good character, between the ages of 18 and 35, for National Guard. Massillon station, State of Ohio. Apply to Wm. A. Clark, Captain Commanding Company, Office Exchange street.

WOMAN—Middle aged woman for cook or chamber work at Hotel Massillon. Telephone 24.

## FOR SALE.

HOUSE—A nice roomed house with furnace, hard and soft water. No. 15 Akron street. For particulars inquire of John K. Paul at premises.

NEVERSLIP—A horse shoes, calks and wrenches. Special light road shoes, "Calked" ready to nail on. Geo. H. Gove, V. S. 118 S. Mill St., Telephone 208.

PROPERTY—We, the undersigned, do offer our property at 160 East Main street as a whole for thirty days. If not sold at the expiration of said time, a division of said property will be made, when Allen's share can be purchased in part. Allen & Crawford. For particulars inquire on premises or of W. H. Allen, of Geauga.

THREE five roomed houses all in good condition: 322 South Erie street, 37 Park street and 14 Superior street. Also a lot cheap on Cliff street. Henry Lantz.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

DRESSMAKING—Miss Nettie Green, 334 West Tremont street, solicits plain sewing. Old customers are asked for the return of their patronage and new ones solicited. Farmers phone 91. Satisfaction guaranteed.

KID Gloves cleaned, 10 cents per pair, men's suits, overcoats and hats; ladies' organdies, silks, satins, ties, ribbon and porters all cleaned by dry process; no shrinking, fading or ripping. Mrs. A. M. Grojan, 42 E. Main street. Phone 21.

VETERINARY—GOVE is now located at his office at the house, No. 118 South Mill street, two squares south of City Park. Bell phone 208.

HOUSE—Six roomed house, No. 117 North High street. City and eastern water. Inquire of Frank Crone.

HOUSE—Four roomed house, No. 242 East Main street.